

SENATE BILL 2338
By Wilder

AN ACT to amend Chapter 720 of the Private Acts of 1949; as amended by Chapter 318 of the Private Acts of 1978; Chapter 219 of the Private Acts of 1978 and Chapter 64 of the Private Acts of 1983; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the election and the terms of the office of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Friendship.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Chapter 720 of the Private Acts of 1949, as amended by Chapter 318 of the Private Acts of 1978; Chapter 219 of the Private Acts of 1978 and Chapter 64 of the Private Acts of 1983; and any other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the City of Friendship shall hold elections for mayor and aldermen every four (4) years on the first Saturday in May, beginning in 2005. Beginning with the May, 2005 election, the mayor and aldermen shall be elected for terms of four (4) years, and shall take office at the first regular meeting of the Friendship Mayor and Board of Aldermen following such election. The election shall be held at a place or places within the City of Friendship designated by the incumbent mayor and board of aldermen. The hours of opening and closing of the polls shall be the same as for general elections in Crockett County. Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older and registered to vote in the City of Friendship shall be eligible to vote in any city election or referendum. Any other registered voter, who resides outside the corporate boundaries of the City of Friendship but who has owned a taxable freehold within the corporate boundaries of the city for a period of at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of a city election or referendum, shall also be eligible to

vote in such city election or referendum even though he or she is not a resident of the city.

SECTION 2. Section 5 of Chapter 720 of the Private Acts of 1949, as amended by Chapter 318 of the Private Acts of 1978; Chapter 219 of the Private Acts of 1978 and Chapter 64 of the Private Acts of 1983; and any other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 5. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the regular county election commissioners for Crockett County, by whatever designation they may hereafter have, to call an election in and for the City of Friendship to be held on the first Saturday in May, 2005 for the purpose of electing a mayor and four (4) aldermen for terms of four (4) years each and said regular county election commissioners for Crockett County shall name the judges, officers, clerks, and other necessary election officials to conduct such election and certify the returns thereof. Every four (4) years after such May, 2005 election, it shall likewise be the duty of the regular county election commissioners for Crockett County, by whatever designation they may hereafter have, to call an election in and for the City of Friendship to be held on the first Saturday in May for the purpose of electing a mayor and four (4) aldermen for terms of four (4) years each, and said regular county election commissioners for Crockett County shall name the judges, officers, clerks, and other necessary election officials to conduct such election and certify the returns thereof. No poll tax shall be required of any person as a prerequisite to vote in such election. The regular county election commissioners for Crockett County shall meet at the courthouse in Alamo, Tennessee on the day following such elections, shall canvass the returns, and shall certify the results, and the person receiving the highest number of votes for mayor, and the four (4) persons receiving the highest number of votes for aldermen, shall be declared elected and receive a certificate of election from said election commissioners.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Friendship, Tennessee, on or before March

7, 2005. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Board and certified to Tennessee secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 3.